

HONORING LEONARD REZMIERSKI

**HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Mr. Leonard Rezmierski upon his retirement after 46 years of service with Northville Public Schools and having served the last 20 years as Superintendent.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University in 1965, Leonard Rezmierski went on, in 1969, to earn a Master of Arts majoring in Special Education with a minor in Administration at the University of Michigan. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy, majoring in Education and Anthropology, at the University of Michigan in 1982.

Founder of the Galileo Leadership Training Program, Dr. Rezmierski served as the Tri-County Alliance President and as the Michigan Association of School Administrators Region 9 President during the 2003/2004 school year. He held the position of MASA Region 9 Vice President in the prior year and during the 2006/2007 school year he was chosen as President Elect while also being an active member and Past President of the Wayne County School Superintendents' Association. Dedicating considerable time and effort to the Council for Exceptional Children at the state, national and international levels, Leonard has also devoted himself to the Wayne County and the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education.

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Northville Parent-Teacher Organization Service Achievement Award, the Marvin E. Beekman Administrator of the Year Award, the Susan Phillips Gorin Award for Outstanding Service to University Students and the TASH (The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps) Award for Leadership in Non-Adversive Programming for Handicapped Students.

Active in his community as a member and Past President of the Northville Rotary and as a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Leonard has volunteered as a Boy Scout Leader, a youth hockey and Little League Baseball coach, and with Meals for the Homeless Program. Perhaps, the most poignant recognition of his devotion to educational distinction, innovation and leadership in academics, athletics, the arts and community service is the establishment of the Dr. Leonard Rezmierski Fund for Excellence. This enduring legacy will stand as confirmation of Leonard Rezmierski's idea of valuing the unique contributions of every child and adult to their school community. His perception of educational experience transcending classroom walls and reaching beyond traditional academics innovatively prepares students to work, live and succeed in our ever more global society.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Leonard Rezmierski has faithfully served the students and citizens of Northville, Michigan. As he enters the next phase of his life with his beloved wife Virginia, his daughter Sara and his son Ryan, he leaves behind a legacy of dedication, integrity, and excellence. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Leonard Rezmierski upon his retirement and recog-

nizing his years of loyal service to our community and country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MR. FRITZ CARL STEIN, JR.

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 13, 2011*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Fritz Carl Stein, Jr., a founding member of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. Mr. Stein was the vice president and secretary-treasurer of the Belle Glade cooperative and a third-generation farmer in the Everglades Agricultural Area. He also owned and operated Stein Sugar Farms and a cattle ranch in Highlands County.

A talented farmer and businessman, Mr. Stein had a heart as big as the Everglades. He was a leader in many organizations, donating his time to the Boy Scouts and the Belle Glade Little League, among others. Mr. Stein served on the boards of the South Florida Conservancy District, the South Florida Water Management District, and the Palm Beach County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Demonstrating his concern for the less fortunate, Mr. Stein was chairman of the Belle Glade Housing Authority. As an example of the trust and respect he enjoyed among his fellow Belle Glade residents, he was a founding trustee of Glades Day School. He was also a longtime member of the Belle Glade Rotary Club and the Belle Glade Missionary Alliance Church.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stein was a graduate of Belle Glade High School and the University of Florida and he served honorably in the United States Army. He made great contributions to the sugar cane growers cooperative and contributed immensely to the economic health of the Glades area. His passing will be mourned by his wife, Lois, six children, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and people throughout the community surrounding Lake Okeechobee.

HONORING REVEREND MARVIN  
DOZIER

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement from the Southampton School Board, I rise to commend the Reverend Marvin Dozier for a life spent in service to others.

As a board member and past president of the board, Reverend Dozier devoted eleven-and-a-half years to the children and families of our community. Never concerned with recognition or accolades, he made the students his first priority. He was the first African-American to serve as president of the school board, and he worked tirelessly, with dignity and wisdom, to encourage collaboration and forge a common understanding among those with different backgrounds.

Reverend Dozier's community activism began when he was a student at Southampton

High School during the 1960s. He worked with several teachers to organize diversity training workshops for students, advocated for the hiring of black teachers and served as a voice for the minority in student government. Although he considered himself an activist, his goal was never to be divisive, but to work to bring people together.

In 1980, Reverend Dozier was ordained a minister by the First Baptist Church of Southampton and is now pastor of the Unity Baptist Church of Mattituck. He also served as chair of the Southold Town Anti-Bias Task Force. Among many other contributions, Reverend Dozier is Director of the Southampton Youth Association, an organization that coordinates sports programs and summer camps for the school district and seeks to build character through sports. He has insisted that SYA remain true to its mission to give every child an opportunity whether or not the family has money or resources to pay for it.

Furthermore, Reverend Dozier serves as the voice for those who cannot stand up for themselves, making sure they have a chance to participate and become involved. A man who always seems to have a smile and a warm welcome for everyone he encounters, Reverend Dozier makes sure his work is guided by his desire to put the children of the community first—not himself, not his own children, but all the children.

Additionally, Reverend Dozier has held positions of leadership with great responsibility and dedication, always striving to raise social consciousness and create awareness. His purpose has never been to blame, but to hold people accountable for their actions.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure on behalf of New York's first congressional district to thank Reverend Martin Dozier for making our community a better place and to wish him well as he continues a life of service and contribution.

CONGRATULATING THE 2011 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS, THE DALLAS MAVERICKS

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dallas Mavericks, on winning the 2011 National Basketball Association Championship. This is the organization's first NBA World Championship title.

I congratulate team owner Mark Cuban, Coach Rick Carlisle, his staff, and the entire Maverick organization for their accomplishment in winning basketball's coveted Larry O'Brien championship trophy.

I also congratulate the team's captain, Dirk Nowitzki, on being named the recipient of the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award.

The Maverick's success is a result of contributions by the entire team, including players Jose Barea, Rodrigue Beaubois, Corey Brewer, Caron Butler, Brian Cardinal, Tyson Chandler, Brendan Haywood, Dominique Jones, Jason Kidd, Ian Mahinmi, Shawn Marion, DeShawn Stevenson, Peja Stojakovic, and